

# IFS State and Local Service Delivery Work Group Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-23-15

Note Taker: Cheryle Bilodeau

Facilitators: Jill Evans, Belinda Bessette and Cheryle Bilodeau

**Attending:** Cheryl Huntley, Dana Robson, Dana Lawrence, Belinda Bessette, Alison Krompf, Diane Bugbee, Karen Garbarino, Jill Evans, Samantha Thomas, Barb Joyal, Alicia Hanrahan, Carolyn Hatton, Michael Curtis, Marie Zura, Kreig Pinkham, Kimberley Diamond, Susan Coburn, Laurel Omland

**Regrets:** Terri Edgerton, Donna Bailey, Sarah Smith, Beth Maurer

Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed group norms</li> <li>Reviewed goals of work group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to add to group norms</li> <li>Added some details to work group goals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send out gradients of agreements by e-mail</li> <li>Send out updated work plan goals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thinking about the first meeting:</b></p> <p>What are your: lingering questions, things to add, concerns, elephants in the room</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How is safety incorporated into the guiding principles of IFS?</li> <li>Talking about the “resources” not just the funding as what IFS is</li> <li>Promise Communities was given as an example of the resources and how it is about making a community a better place to raise children</li> <li>We need to ensure we taking into account poverty and how that impacts families—that needs to stay in the forefront and have it taken into consideration</li> <li>How do we talk and work when the pace is fast in child protection and decisions get made quickly? It is important to acknowledge these pressures and how you figure it out when it is challenging</li> <li>How do you keep a collaborative relationship strong especially when there is turnover and folks retire at an agency?</li> <li>With IFS teaming efforts are extremely important to effective collaboration and providing supports/services to families. Addison has been working on a teaming training—this could tie in well with the Placement Stability Project and the work they would like to do around a Leadership Dev. Training—PSP is connected to both IFS regions.</li> <li>Confidentiality for families-as we are becoming integrated and communicate in better ways how do we ensure we are maintaining families privacy</li> <li>Concern raised about as we move forward with integrating services how do we ensure we don’t lose grass roots efforts? Federal regulations are prescribing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When we look at the matrix we need to make sure the intention behind it—that there is a core set of supports/services in regions and that it DOES NOT eliminate the ability of regions to be creative and focus on the unique needs of their area.</li> </ul>

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	services – Medicaid is becoming more regulated and prescriptive. How do we inform and have voice in that?	
<b>Updates:</b>	<p>Work Groups:  All work groups having started meeting—you can find meeting minutes and notes on the IFS website  Regional Readiness Document: can be found on the website – trying to balance guiding regions who are moving towards IFS implementation while allowing for flexibility in regions</p>	Send out PHPG report to this work group-Carolynn will do this—this reports gives a great overview of
<b>CANS-</b> Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths	<p>Presented by Alison Krumpf, NCSS Quality Review Specialist and leading the charge of the CANS implementation in Franklin/Grand Isle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being used by many states-some are using it in community mental health, some juvenile justice, some child protection</li> <li>• Multi-purpose information integration tool</li> <li>• It is similar to a scored psychosocial assessment-if a clinician does a good psychosocial they can fill out the CANS</li> <li>• You bring the completed CANS to team meetings so the team can provide input on the CANS and it creates a communication tool</li> <li>• It can be scored to do a pre and post</li> <li>• This measures a transformation and how people change</li> <li>• NCSS has been going to the DCF-Family Services office to share the CANS score and this is pushing collaboration forward</li> <li>• The target pilot NCSS is engaged in right now is for new children coming into DCF custody – getting teams together within 2 weeks of custody</li> <li>• The rating focuses on the past 30 days to be sure the assessment is relevant and most recent</li> <li>• Question was asked about inter-rater reliability-to be certified you have to pass an online exam</li> <li>• How is this cross-walked with Diagnosis and Evaluation: this is a tool that informs the D &amp; E.</li> <li>• Question was raised about scope, training plan, resourcing—let folks know about the CANS work group which will be addressing these questions. This group is open if anyone would like to join and inform this process. Contact Cheryle if you are interested.</li> <li>• Has there been discussion with the larger team members (ie. school staff, afterschool program). NCSS has started doing this</li> <li>• Showed data from 20 children that Alison has administered the CANS</li> </ul>	<p>Alison handed out a ppt with information (get to attach to these meeting minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to be sure as we talk about services, supports, etc. that we are inclusive of all groups and partners. We appreciate and support all group members bringing their voice and agendas with them to be sure we all challenge and support each other in making our discussions as robust as possible.</li> <li>• Shift conversations from “getting better” to gaining skills</li> <li>• Idea came about of having a “mini-CANS” that has either one specific domain or a few questions that partners who have available (eg. boys and girls club, afterschool program)</li> </ul>
<b>What information do you need in future meetings?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to hear about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cross-system incremental collaborations – hearing from current IFS regions about what they are doing</li> <li>○ Teaming structures—inventorying structures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All meetings will be in person!!!! Shows July is a webinar it is NOT

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	<p>already in place in Vermont</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Asset mapping</li> </ul>	
<b>Next meeting agenda items</b>	October-begin reviewing/provide input on Service Delivery Matrix	

### Attached Below: Meeting Materials



CANS presentation for IFS.6.23.15.pdf



6-5-15.pdf



CANS ratings and question examples.pdf